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STATUS INQUIRY AND REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL SEARCH AND RECONSTRUCTION OF LOST FILE WRAPPER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant inquires as to the status of this application. It has now been six months since applicant responded to the Examiner's last action, following which the Examiner phoned applicant's undersigned attorney and indicated that the application would be in condition for allowance with a few minor amendments which the Examiner said he would make.

That phone call occurred on August 31, 2007. Four months later, concerned that he had not heard further from the Examiner, applicant's attorney phoned the Examiner and spoke with him again on January 8, 2008. The Examiner confirmed that he still intended to allow the application, but said that he had not been able to do so because the file wrapper was lost. He said he would look for it and that if it could not be located, it would be no problem to reconstruct it from the electronically stored documents.

About a month ago, applicant's attorney again phoned the Examiner who said that the file had not been located. At that time, the Examiner suggested that applicant's attorney phone the Head Clerk, Claudia Sullivan since she was the one responsible for locating the file. Applicant's attorney promptly phoned Ms. Sullivan, and she said that the computer showed that the Examiner had the file. She indicated that she would look for it and let applicant's attorney know what was happening. To date, applicant's attorney has heard nothing further from Ms. Sullivan, and recent calls to the Examiner and to Ms. Sullivan have not been returned.

This application was filed over **FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEARS AGO**, and this is **THE SECOND TIME** the file has been lost. Even though the patent term may be extended, that will not make up for the damage applicant has suffered, and continues to suffer, in not being able to get financing without the patent or at least a notice of allowance.

In the event that the file still is still missing, it is requested that an Official Search be made for it immediately. In the event the file is still not located, it is further requested that the file be reconstructed from the electronic data and that the notice of allowance be issued without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

THIS STATUS INQUIRY AND REQUEST IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY FILED WITH THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ON February 22, 2008.

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